



Preview Men's 73kg

- The men's 73kg event will be held for the first time at the world championships.
- Won Jeongsik (KOR) won the world title in the men's 69kg Snatch and Total at the 2017 world championships and finished in second place in the men's 69kg Clean & Jerk.
- Won is one of four weightlifters representing Republic of Korea to win multiple world titles, next to Jang Mi-Ran (8), Chun Byung-Kwan (2) and An Yong-Kwon (2), coming into these world championships.
- Among men representing Republic of Korea, only Chun Byung-Kwan (9), Lee Bae-Young (6) and Kim Byung-Chan (5) have finished on the podium more often at world championships than Won (4).
- Nijat Rahimov (KAZ) won the world title in the men's 77kg Total and Clean & Jerk at the 2015 world championships. One year later, Rahimov won the Olympic title in the men's 77kg (Total).
- Coming into the 2018 world championships, the only men representing Kazakhstan to win more world titles than Rahimov (2) are Ilya Ilyin (7) and Vladimir Sedov (3).
- Shi Zhiyong (CHN) won the men's 69kg (Total) gold medal at the 2016 Olympic Games. Shi has also won two world titles, in the men's 69kg Total and Clean & Jerk in 2015.
- Briken Calja (ALB) won the European title in the men's 69kg Total, Snatch and Clean & Jerk at the European championships in Bucharest in March 2018.
- Calja finished in fourth place in the men's 69kg Total and Snatch at the 2017 world championships and fifth in the 69kg Clean & Jerk.
- Only two men representing Albania have finished on the podium at the world championships: Ymez Pampuri in 1972 (world title in the 60kg Press) and Ilirian Suli in 2002 (second in the 85kg Snatch).
- O Kang Chol (PRK) won the men's 69kg (Total) title at the 2018 Asian Games. At the 2017 Asian championships, he had finished in second place in the men's 69kg Total and Clean & Jerk.
- Karem Ben Hnia (TUN) won the African title in the men's 69kg Total, Snatch and Clean & Jerk in 2016, 2017 and 2018. At the 2015 world championships, he finished in fifth place in all of these events.
- Coming into these world championships, two weightlifters representing Tunisia have finished on the podium at the world championships: Youssef Sbai in 2002 (third in men's 69kg Total and Snatch) and Khalil El Maoui (third in men's 56kg Snatch).
- At age 18, Clarence Cummings Jr. (USA) can participate at his third world championships. He won the junior world title in the men's 69kg Total, Snatch and Clean & Jerk in July 2018.